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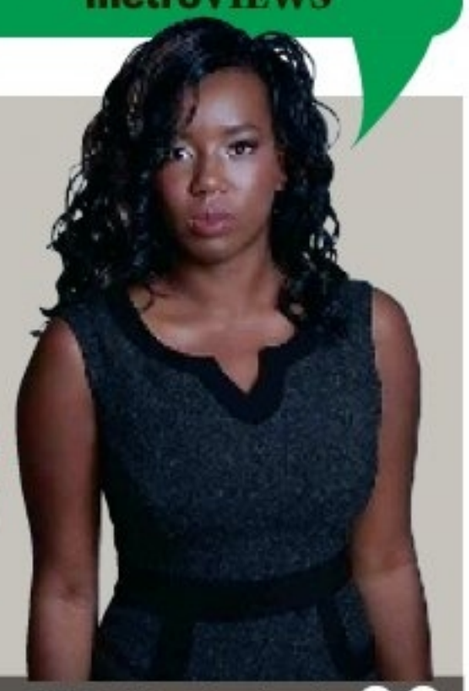

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Manitoba skip Michelle Englot yells to her sweepers on Sunday.
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Minister not calling asylum influx a trend

IMMIGRATION

Feds keep eye on situation as Pallister calls for more help

Canada's immigration minister says he's not yet convinced a recent increase in the number of asylum seekers crossing the border illegally from the United States constitutes a growing trend, despite concerns raised by Manitoba that the situation may be getting out of hand.

In the days and weeks that followed a move by President Donald Trump to ban travellers from seven Muslim-majority entering the U.S., Canada has seen an increase in the number of refugee claimants walking across the border to request asylum.

Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister has expressed worries that those numbers could rise further as the weather becomes warmer, and has called on Ottawa to provide more help in dealing with the influx.

For now, Ottawa is monitoring the situation, but it's still too early to say whether even more asylum seekers will continue walking over Canada's doorstep, Immigration Minister Ahmed Hussen said in an interview aired Sunday on CTV's Question Period.

Eight migrants from Somalia follow this train track from the U.S. into the town of Emerson, Man., early Sunday morning.
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"We need to see what happens over the next little while to see if this is a trend," Hussen told CTV's Evan Solomon.

"We can't really determine that this is a trend moving forward."

Over 20 people were intercepted while crossing the border illegally near Emerson, Man., over the weekend two weeks ago. Fewer than a dozen were found this weekend, according to Emerson-Franklin Reeve Greg Janzen, although he suspected the drop might have to do with a plunge in the mercury.

"I haven't heard of any big groups coming across and I'm wondering if maybe it's the weather, because I know they're still coming," Janzen said Sunday, noting the temperature in the area Saturday night dipped to about -14 C.

RCMP in Surrey, B.C., said that a man and a woman who were tentatively identified as Turkish nationals were arrested and turned over to immigration officials after they crossed the border and entered Canada without reporting to a port of entry.

The RCMP, the Canada Border Services Agency and public safety officials are analyzing the influx, added Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale, who said most of the asylum seekers intended to eventually end up in Canada, rather than the U.S.

"The vast majority ... are actually transiting through the United States," Goodale said in an interview on Global TV's The West Block.

"Their plan was not originally to be in the United States, but to come through the United States."

But the minister couldn't say why people are choosing to cross illegally from the U.S. if their goal was always to end up on Canadian soil or elsewhere.

Under the Safe Third Country Agreement between Canada and the U.S., refugee claimants in one country can't make the same claim on the other side of the border. But that only applies when they make claims at official border crossings.

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The late Elsie and Lloyd Campbell donated $12 million to eight charitable organizations, including one beneficiary in Minto. THE VANCOUVER FOUNDATION

Town surprised by 'quite a gift' of cash

DONATION

Minto to receive $55K every year for youth recreation

Jessica Botelho-Urbanski
For Metro | Winnipeg

A Manitoba town boasting about 100 people is grappling with how to spend $55,000 annually thanks to two mysterious donors.

Though the setup sounds straight out of a movie, the community of Minto, Man. — located about 2.5 hours west of Winnipeg — is grateful for "quite a gift," said Lynn Flewitt, chairman of the local philanthropic foundation.

"This is certainly by and large the most money that we'll ever be able to use, that's for sure," Flewitt said in a phone interview Friday.

Every year from now on, the tiny town will receive $55,000 from the Vancouver Foundation to be put toward "youth recreation."

The hearty donation comes from Lloyd and Elsie Campbell, a couple from Vancouver who bequeathed $12 million to eight charitable organizations upon their deaths.

Seven of the charities are established to help youth in British Columbia, while the Minto School District was the lone Manitoba beneficiary.

The school district is now defunct, but left an impression on a young Lloyd Campbell, who grew up in Minto, leaving town in his 20s, Flewitt said.

"He must have had fond memories of his school days and the activities I guess that they did at that point in time," he said, noting nearly no one in town remembers Campbell save for Flewitt's 94-year-old uncle.

According to the Vancouver Foundation, Campbell left for Vancouver in the 1940s and developed land and property on the West Coast, including in Palm Springs. He also built million-dollar boats and several McDonald's locations, a spokesman for the foundation said.

Campbell's obituary said he died in 2005 and left behind the Lloyd and Elsie Campbell Foundation Fund to donate to eight charities "in perpetuity." His wife died last year.

At a community meeting last week, locals rattled off ideas for how to use the money, said Flewitt. Repairing the local rink and the baseball diamond dugout are top of mind, as is building a whole new gymnasium.

The money must be spent on "youth recreation," according to the Campbells' wishes. The only trouble is there are only 41 youth who attend school in Minto, with fewer than that living in town.

Flewitt hopes the community will broaden the term "recreation" beyond sports and include arts and culture programming.

Community proposals for how to spend the cash are due by April 1.

SCULPTURE

Spirits at Festival du Voyageur not dampened by weather

Braeden Jones
Metro | Winnipeg

Erratic weather may have rained on Winnipeg's favourite wintery parade, but it didn't dampen the joi de vivre, according to Festival du Voyageur executive director Ginette Lavack Walters.

While a winter that featured long periods of atypical warmth contributed to the shortest skating season on the Red River in a decade, Lavack Walters says it did little more than cancel river-based events and melt some snow sculptures at Fort Gibraltar.

Otherwise, "there was tremendous participation," including "one of the strongest opening weekends" that the festival has seen, according to Lavack Walters.

"Certainly at Festival we want to have a beautiful site and try to create our winter wonderland, we're known for our snow sculptures so when Mother Nature doesn't co-operate you lose that," she said. "But in Voyageur Park people were there, there were lineups, we had lots of folks on site."

Plus, a new feature — the Festival Du Voyageur wood carving contest — sort of made up for the lack of snow sculpture.

"Really we just wanted to add a new element to the programming … reach out to new artists," Lavack Walters said. "With the weather, in the end it did end up being a saving grace in one sense, because one visual element (snow sculptures) did go missing."

Lavack Walters says the nearly "spring like" weather during the first weekend contributed to the strong attendance.

"People wanted to be outside," she said, noting how, mild as it was, snow wasn't being trucked into Voyageur Park as it was in 2012.

And although temperatures were back down to normal during the festival's second weekend, it wasn't so frigid and uncomfortable as past years, either.

Festival organizers couldn't offer preliminary attendance numbers in time for publication, but Lavack Walters said the difference from one weekend to the next is normal.

"Last year, the second weekend was stronger than the first," she said, explaining that's typical of a long-running outdoor festival that spans so many days during this time of year. "This year the first (weekend) was stronger … we had nice numbers overall, lots of people here at Voyageur Park, but other events were negatively impacted by the nice weather … moved or cancelled outright, and that's a letdown."

Despite the weather hurdles, she said Manitobans still celebrated everything that makes the province's Francophonie unique and embodied this year's theme: "Heho heroes."

Official Festival du Voyageur estimates should be shared by late Monday afternoon.

The unseasonably warm weather has closed the Red River Mutual Trail and the skating rink at The Forks. BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

Faces of Winnipeg by David Lipnowski

Jbeks Savanna Mandara The first thing you notice about Jbeks is her bright colourful hair, which she says is inspired by cotton candy. A creative person, she throws alternative parties, aspires to be a baker, is often called a goddess by strangers, and is really into Dungeons and Dragons — and anything nerdy. Jbeks enjoys singing, and often attends open mics where she sings soul music.

Faces of Winnipeg This is a weekly Metro series appearing in every Monday's edition. In 2013, local photographer David Lipnowski launched his art project, A Portrait a Day, in which he captured everyday Winnipeggers on the city's streets. You could say this series is an extension of that exhibit.

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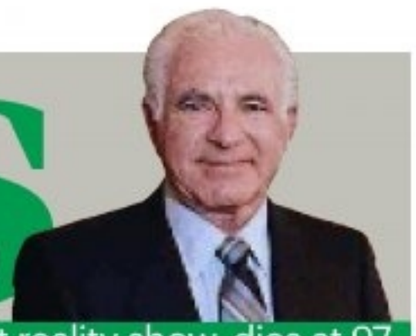


Joseph Wapner, original judge of The People's Court reality show, dies at 97.

Fasten your seatbelts for road repairs

INFRASTRUCTURE

Detours ahead as arteries big and small get major fixes

Buckle up, Winnipeggers.

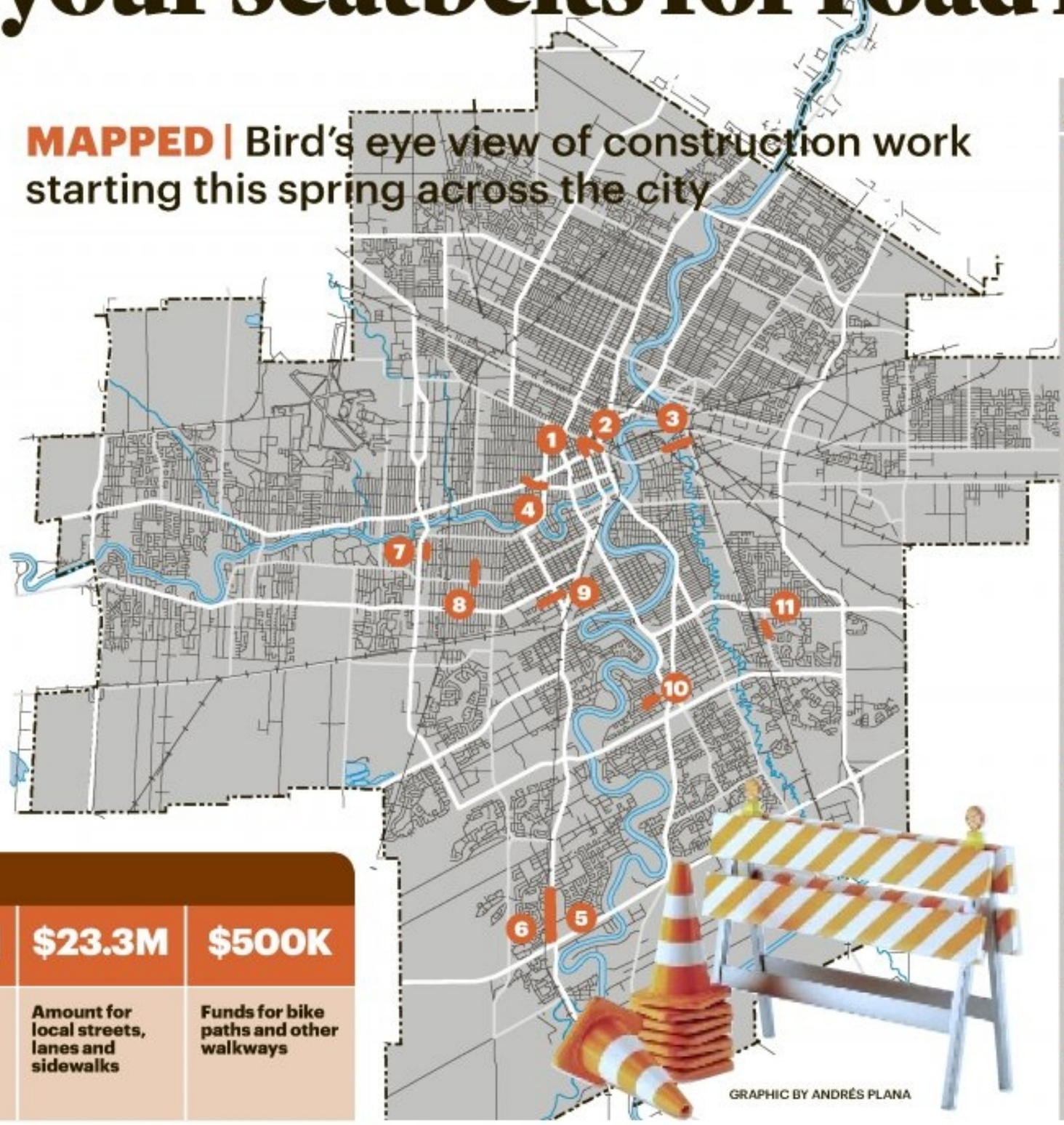
Your commute is about to get bumpier thanks to a whopping 150 road repair projects planned for the year, starting in spring.

The federal government recently announced $105 million in construction projects, including repairs for local roads, back lanes and sidewalks.

Of the overall funding envelope, the feds will contribute $12.2 million through the federal Gas Tax Fund. The city and province will make up the rest, but the details have yet to be worked out.

So if drivers can grit their teeth and bear the traffic headaches this year, they'll expect smoother bike lanes, sidewalks and residential streets down the road. Here's a handy map showing a few of the neighbourhoods slated for construction. More information is available on the City of Winnipeg website. METRO

MAPPED | Bird's eye view of construction work starting this spring across the city



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AFFECTED ROADS

1. **Donald Street** from Notre Dame to Portage Ave (reconstruction)
2. **Notre Dame Avenue** from Portage Avenue to Princess Street (reconstruction)
3. **Provencher Boulevard** eastbound from Rue Des Meurons to Archibald St (rehabilitation)
4. **Broadway** from Portage Avenue to Sherbrook Street (mill and fill, a.k.a. repaving)
5. **Pembina Highway** northbound from Dalhousie Drive to Killarney Avenue and from De Vos Road to Dalhousie Drive (rehabilitation and buffered bike lane)
6. **Pembina Highway** southbound (from Killarney Avenue to Dalhousie Drive and from De Vos Road to Killarney Drive (rehabilitation and buffered bike lane)
7. **Carpathia Road** from Willow to Tuxedo (asphalt treatment)
8. **Niagara Street** from Grosvenor to Corydon (asphalt treatment)
9. **Hector Avenue** from Stafford to Wilton (rehabilitation)
10. **Weaver Bay** northbound from Parkville Dr to Pulberry St (rehabilitation work)
11. **Lakewood Boulevard** from Weatherstone to Edgewater (rehabilitation)

BY THE NUMBERS

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Jets trade deadline speculation

What's a GM to do with a lukewarm team: Sell?

JONES ON JETS

Braeden Jones

The Winnipeg Jets have made things hard on General Manager Kevin Cheveldayoff as the March 1 NHL trade deadline approaches.

While their hot-and-cold play has toyed with fans, it's also positioned them in confusing territory standings-wise. They're far from being the contenders some sports pundits imagined they'd be, but not a total bust, either.

The Jets are presently in a dead heat for the final wild-card playoff spot in the west, with a couple of holes to plug should they make the postseason, and a few relatively attractive assets they can benefit from moving if not—so what's a GM to do?

Sell

If Chevy decides the math and rubbing a rabbit's foot aren't working out, he could pull the proverbial 'chute on the 2016-17 season and become a seller at the deadline.

While player-for-player isn't normally his style, there are a few expiring contracts he could offload while stocking the stables for next year's race.

So if the Jets are a seller, who's most likely to be sold?

Here are the candidates:

Winnipeg Jets right wing Patrik Laine, left, celebrates with Mathieu Perreault after scoring his team's opening goal during first period NHL hockey action against the Toronto Maple Leafs, in Toronto on Tuesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

1. Ondrej Pavelec

While he was never anything more than average during his time as Winnipeg's starter, he's an experienced NHL goalie nevertheless.

Most recently, in his brief call-up before injury in January, Pavelec helped steady a Jets team in tail spin, and showed what he could bring as a backup goalie.

His penchant for "timely saves" could be attractive to any team looking to add veteran depth to their crease for a playoff run, but his beefy contract ($3.9 million salary-cap hit) is a deterrent. If he moves, expect to see the Jets retain a good chunk of his pay.

Should Pavelec leave Winnipeg, Eric Comrie, 21, (who's been getting a heap of starts for the Moose) and Connor Hellebuyck, 23, have the youth and skills to stand on guard reliably for years, but the Jets could still use a veteran in lieu or a replacement for Michael Hutchinson, who they're likely to lose in this summer's expansion draft.

2. Drew Stafford

'Staffy' played out of his mind when he got to Winnipeg via the blockbuster exchange that saw Evander Kane shipped to Buffalo.

Decent production (19 points in 26 games after the trade) earned him a two-year extension, which made sense at the time because it appeared he could hold down a top-six role while some prospects seasoned.

His point-earning dropped thereafter, unfortunately, and durability issues have kept him from all but 39 games this season. But when healthy, he has still played heavy minutes (averaging 13 minutes per night) and has 12 points on the year.

It has been a while since he tallied 52 and 50 points respectively through the 2010-11 and 2011-12 seasons in Buffalo, but he's still one of the strongest depth forwards available, and more than a few teams could use one. Many outlets have reported the Jets are getting calls from multiple teams about Stafford, so the interest is apparently out there.

Offensive prospects like Jack Roslovic and Kyle Connor, both 20, should be ready to compete for Stafford's roster spot on the Jets next season, and have their best years ahead of them. If he moves, Cheveldayoff will likely want a draft pick in return.

3. Mathieu Perreault

Another veteran forward with offensive upside, Perreault, 29, has been steadily increasing his value of late.

Like Stafford, his production has dropped off since his arrival in Winnipeg, but he has shown flashes of his best self through his four last games. In that time he has recorded two goals, four assists, and 18 hits, looking very much like a player ready for the grind of playoff hockey.

However, moving Perreault is a bit more complicated because his next contract is already negotiated. He's entering the tail end of a three-year deal, with a four-year extension signed last summer ready to kick in.

It might not seem like moving a playmaking veteran who can play up and down the forward corps makes sense, but while he's playing well and his trade-stock is high, the Jets could get something for him—as opposed to keeping him and potentially losing him in the Las Vegas expansion draft for no return at all.

Stand pat

Deadline deals are risky, and Cheveldayoff is normally risk averse. It wouldn't be surprising if the Jets GM is turned off by the added layer of risk associated with this summer's expansion draft and chooses to do nothing at the trade deadline.

That's not a bad thing. The Jets are in a precarious position in the standings, not really close enough to confidently go all in without it being a potential mistake, not far enough out to regret losing someone that could have helped. Watching what happens and hoping teams matching up against their rivals get stronger could be the best call.

+ TAKING FLIGHT

The home of the Winnipeg Jets is getting an aviation-themed makeover this year.

- True North Sports and Entertainment announced a $12-million facelift for the MTS Centre that will include a new Jets colour palette, plus an "aviation theme" of glass, steel and rivets. There will also be new food and beverage options on the menu.
- The renovations are fully ownership-funded and construction is set to begin this fall.

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Bolster your mumps defence: Experts

HEALTH

At-risk groups need to make sure vaccines are up to date

Public health officials and infectious disease experts are urging Canadians to check that their vaccinations are up to date as clusters of mumps are investigated in Ontario and Alberta, and measles cases are probed in Nova Scotia.

The viral infections are both covered by the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) or measles-mumps-rubella-varicella (MMRV) vaccines. But experts say people between the ages of 18 and 35 need to ensure they've had two doses to bolster their immunity.

"Mumps and measles are very contagious illnesses … at the moment we have this particular issue with people who've only had one dose of vaccine. For this age group, it's a good time to check and make sure they've had two doses," said Dr. Allison McGeer, director of infection control at Toronto's Mount Sinai Hospital.

McGeer explained that when the mumps and measles vaccine was introduced, only one dose was administered but it later became apparent that two doses were needed for it to be effective over the long term.

McGeer said there was nothing overly worrisome about the recent mumps and measles cases but noted that they served as a reminder of the importance of immunization efforts.

"The fact that you can still get clusters of cases is a marker for just how important having those vaccination programs is. If they didn't happen then everybody got sick."

Dr. Sarah Wilson, a medical epidemiologist with Public Health Ontario, said individuals in the age range currently more susceptible to mumps may also be more at risk because of their behaviour traits.

That group is more likely to engage in behaviours and activities in which mumps spreads easily, like playing on sports teams, living in dormitories in close conditions and sharing drinks and food in bars, she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

A dose of the MMR vaccine. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

Rose Boudreau told Metro her story on Thursday. By Friday morning, she was fielding job offers. JEFF HARPER/METRO

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Job offers roll in after woman tells her story

Cody McEachern
For Metro | Halifax

A trans woman has received a handful of job offers only hours after Metro told her story, and future employment may be right around the corner.

Rose Boudreau spoke to Metro Halifax on Thursday about her struggle to find a job as a trans woman, and her concerns of prejudice from employers, but within three hours of the story being released, she had received her first offer, with others rolling in the next morning.

"It felt awesome," said Boudreau. "Getting these calls and messages really made me feel valued. It was a great response, and made me feel like a weight was lifted off my chest."

The 22-year-old received multiple offers out of the blue from companies around Halifax.

"These companies contacted me under their own volition. I hadn't even applied to them, they just wanted to help me."

> **I hadn't even applied to them, they just wanted to help me.**
> Rose Boudreau

Only recently transitioning and being relatively new to the community, the support and offers have made her feel accepted and valued as a part of society, she said.

"Being able to have that platform to get my voice and story out has really helped. It connected me with people who support me and want to help."

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‘This is not a battle, it’s a siege’

POLITICS

Democrats use Tea Party tactics at town halls across the U.S.

Near the end of his town hall meeting last week in a rural Virginia county, Republican Congressman Dave Brat tried to defuse the tension with some comedy.

“Anybody got a good joke?”

A couple hundred people who couldn’t fit into the cramped restaurant were standing outside, listening on loudspeakers. Their roaring answer could be heard through the closed door: “You!”

Democrats are in no mood for friendly banter. Disturbed by the election of Donald Trump and determined to thwart his agenda, progressives around the country are borrowing a move from the Tea Party movement that impeded Barack Obama in the early years of his presidency: swamping legislators’ local meetings to pepper them with jeers and tough questions.

Their primary goal, for the moment, is to protect the Affordable Care Act, the threatened health-care overhaul the Tea Party tried to prevent from coming into existence. More broadly, they want to show lawmakers there will be consequences for supporting virtually any part of the president’s program — at the very least, being pestered at every turn when they come home from Washington.

Constituents of Congressman Dave Brat protest during a town hall meeting with the congressman in Blackstone, Virginia, on Feb. 21. STEVE HELBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

> “Republicans are now accusing these activists of everything the Democrats accused the Tea Party of in 2009. Matt Kibbe

“I have no illusions that those of us who are horrified by Trump’s election are going to have something miraculous happen. This is not a battle, it’s a siege. But this kind of event gives us energy. And it puts people like Dave Brat on notice: He may have cruised along the first time around, but this is what his life is going to be like now, every day,” said Professor Mary Mullins, 61, a Brat constituent who had not been politically active since her youth.

The movement’s bible is an online manual called Indivisible: A Practical Guide for Resisting the Trump Agenda. Written by about 30 former Democratic congressional aides and posted online in December, it provides advice, based largely on Tea Party tactics, on how to get members of Congress to listen.

Veteran activists are helping to organize a movement some describe as “the resistance,” and Matt Kibbe, president of prominent Tea Party backer FreedomWorks during the heyday of that movement, said Republicans are still “wrong to dismiss it.”

“Republicans are now accusing these activists of everything the Democrats accused the Tea Party of in 2009. I don’t think Democrats understood that the Tea Party was real, and maybe some Republicans don’t appreciate that this is real,” said Kibbe. “There’s obviously a lot of professional community organizers involved, but you can’t create this kind of grassroots participation. It has to be organic.” TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Donald Trump AP FILE

Trump wasn’t elected to hang with celebs: Spokeswoman

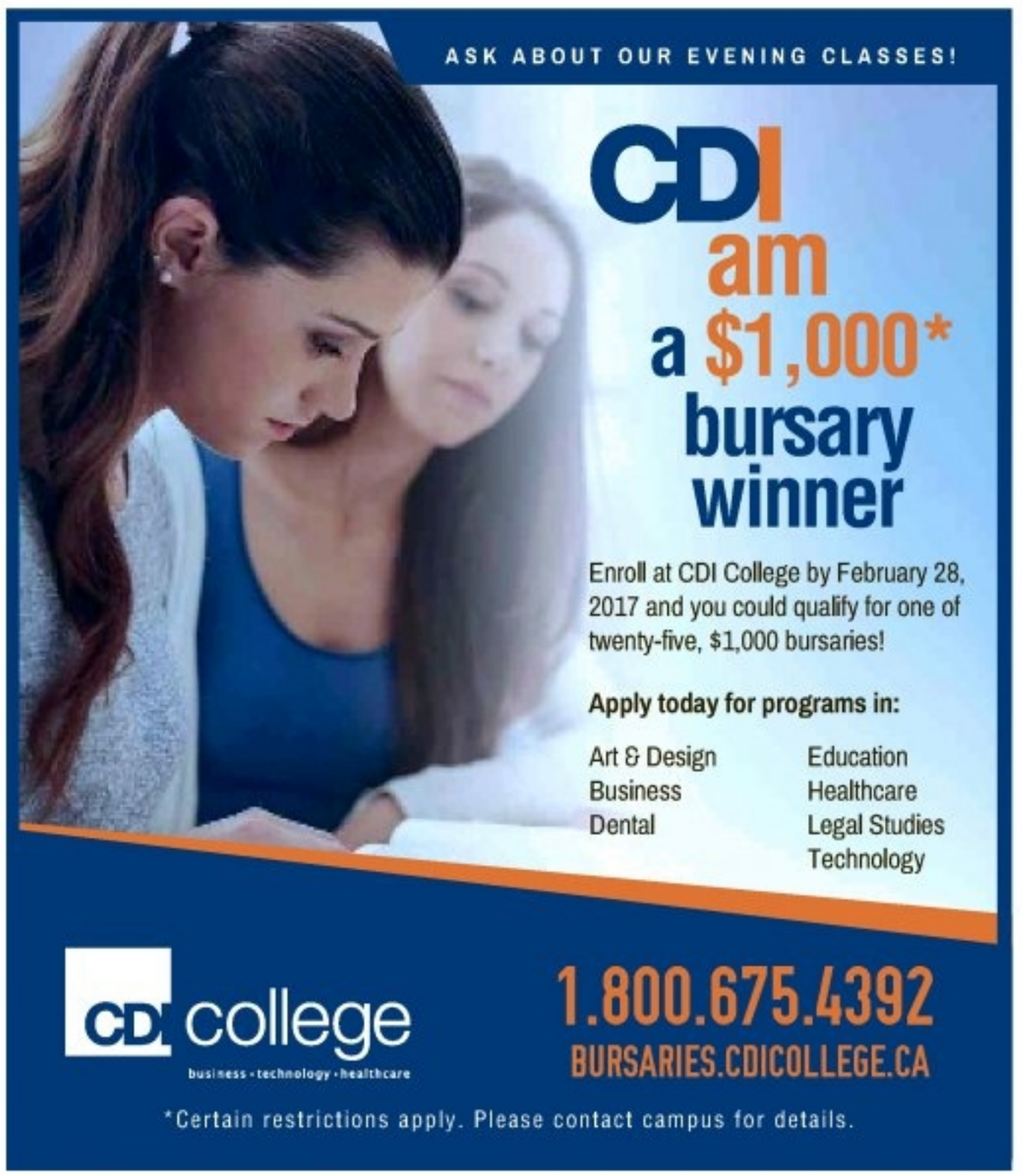
The White House says that when President Donald Trump skips the White House Correspondents’ Association dinner, expect him to spend that Saturday night in April “focused on what he can to do to help better America.”

The dinner attracts politicians, journalists and celebrities and is typically attended by the president, who’s often roasted.

Trump isn’t saying why he won’t be there. He has railed against “the fake news media,” saying it is “the enemy of the American people.”

Spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders says it’s “kind of naive of us to think that we can all walk into a room for a couple of hours and pretend that some of that tension isn’t there.”

She tells said that Trump wasn’t elected “to spend his time with reporters and celebrities.” THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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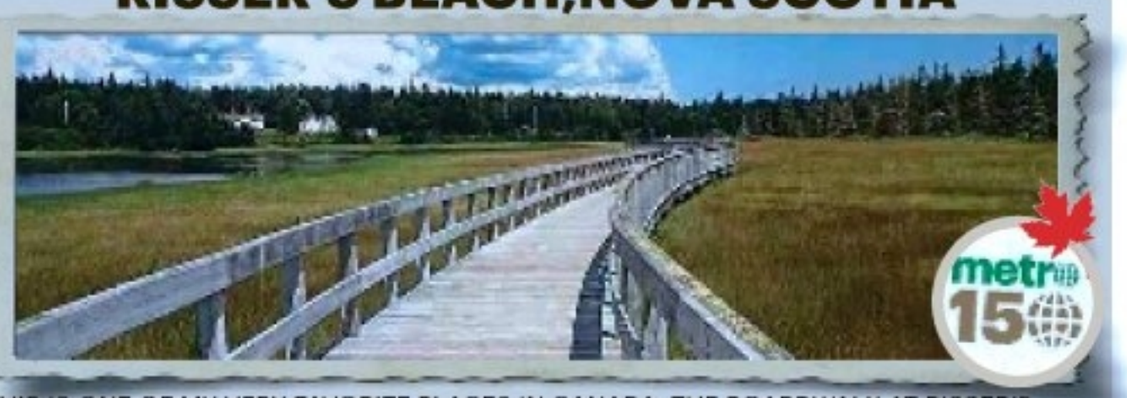
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Poison killed North Korean leader's brother in minutes

Malaysia's health minister said Sunday that the dose of nerve agent given to North Korean ruler Kim Jong Un's exiled half brother was so high that it killed him within 20 minutes and caused "very serious paralysis."

Kim Jong Nam died Feb. 13 at Kuala Lumpur's airport in what Malaysian police say was a well-planned hit by two women who wiped a liquid on Kim's face. Police revealed Friday that the banned chemical weapon VX nerve agent was used to kill Kim, raising the stakes in the case.

Health Minister Subramaniam Sathasivam said the dose of VX was so high that Kim showed symptoms within minutes. Kim fainted at the airport clinic and died in the ambulance while en route to a hospital, he said.

"VX only requires 10 milligrams to be absorbed into the system to be lethal, so I presume that the amount of dose that went in is more than that," he said at a news conference.

Kim Jong Nam AP FILE

Asked how long it took for Kim to die, Subramaniam said, "I would think it was about, from the time of onset, from the time of application, 15-20 minutes."

North Korea has denied any role in the attack.

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Father of fallen soldier refused to meet Trump

The father of a Navy SEAL killed during an anti-terrorism raid in Yemen is demanding an investigation into its planning and criticized the Trump administration for its timing.

Bill Owens told The Miami Herald in a story published Sunday that he refused to meet with President Donald Trump when both came to Dover Air Force Base to receive the casket carrying his son, Chief Special Warfare Officer William "Ryan" Owens.

> **The government owes my son an investigation.**
> Bill Owens

"I want an investigation," said Owens, a retired Fort Lauderdale police detective and veteran. "The government owes my son an investigation."

White House spokeswoman Sarah Huckabee Sanders told ABC's This Week on Sunday she believes the president would support an investigation.

"I can't imagine what this father is going through," she said. "His son is a true American hero, and we should forever be in his son's debt."

The younger Owens, a 36-year-old married father of three, was the lone U.S. fatality in the Jan. 27 raid on a suspected al-Qaida compound. Approximately 16 civilians and 14 militants died in the raid, which the Pentagon said was aimed at capturing information on potential al-Qaida attacks against the U.S. and its allies.

The elder Owens told the Herald he refused to meet with the president because the family had requested a private ceremony.

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EGYPT COPTIC CHRISTIANS FLEE THEIR HOMES AFTER DAESH ATTACKS
An Egyptian woman comforts an elderly Coptic Christian who weeps upon arriving to take refuge at the Evangelical Church in the Suez Canal city of Ismailiya on Saturday as dozens of Coptics leave Egypt's Sinai Peninsula after a string of jihadist attacks by Daesh killed three Christians in the restive province.
AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Who's that Swede?

BROADCASTING

Nordic nation baffled again after Fox News airs an 'expert'

A wave of puzzlement is rippling across Sweden for the second time in a week, after a prominent Fox News show featured a "Swedish defence and national security advisor" who's unknown to the country's military and foreign-affairs officials.

Swedes, and some Americans, have been wondering about representations of the Nordic nation in the U.S. since President Donald Trump invoked "what's happening last night in Sweden" while alluding to past terror attacks in Europe during a rally Feb. 18. There hadn't been any major incident in Sweden the previous night.

Then, Fox News commentator Bill O'Reilly convened an on-air faceoff Thursday over Swedish immigration and crime between a Swedish newspaper reporter and a man identified on screen and verbally as a "Swedish defence and national security advisor," Nils Bildt.

Bildt linked immigration to social problems in Sweden, lamented what he described as Swedish liberal close-mindedness about the downsides of welcoming newcomers and said: "We are unable in Sweden to socially integrate these people," arguing that politicians lacked a systematic plan to do so.

But if viewers might have taken the "advisor" for a government insider, the Swedish Defence Ministry and Foreign Office told reporters they knew nothing of him.

Bildt is a founding member of a corporate geopolitical strategy and security consulting business with offices in Washington, Brussels and Tokyo, according its website. But security experts in Sweden said he wasn't a familiar figure in their ranks in that country.

> **He is not in any way a known quantity in Sweden.**
> Robert Egnell

"He is not in any way a known quantity in Sweden and has never been part of the Swedish debate," Swedish Defence University leadership professor Robert Egnell said on Saturday. He and Bildt — also known then as Nils Tolling — were in a master's degree program in war studies together at King's College London in 2002-2003, and Bildt moved to Japan soon after, he said.

The executive producer of The O'Reilly Factor said Bildt was recommended by people the show's booker consulted while making numerous inquiries about potential guests.

"After pre-interviewing him and reviewing his bio, we agreed that he would make a good guest for the topic that evening," executive producer David Tabacoff said in a statement.

The network said O'Reilly was expected to address the subject further on Monday's show.

Bildt didn't respond Saturday to email inquiries; a person who answered the phone at his company agreed to relay one. He told Dagens Nyheter on Friday that he was a U.S.-based independent analyst, and Fox News had chosen its description of him.

"Sorry for any confusion caused, but needless to say I think that is not really the issue. The issue is Swedish refusal to discuss their social problems and issues," he added in a statement to the news website Mediaite, explaining his profession as being an independent political adviser.

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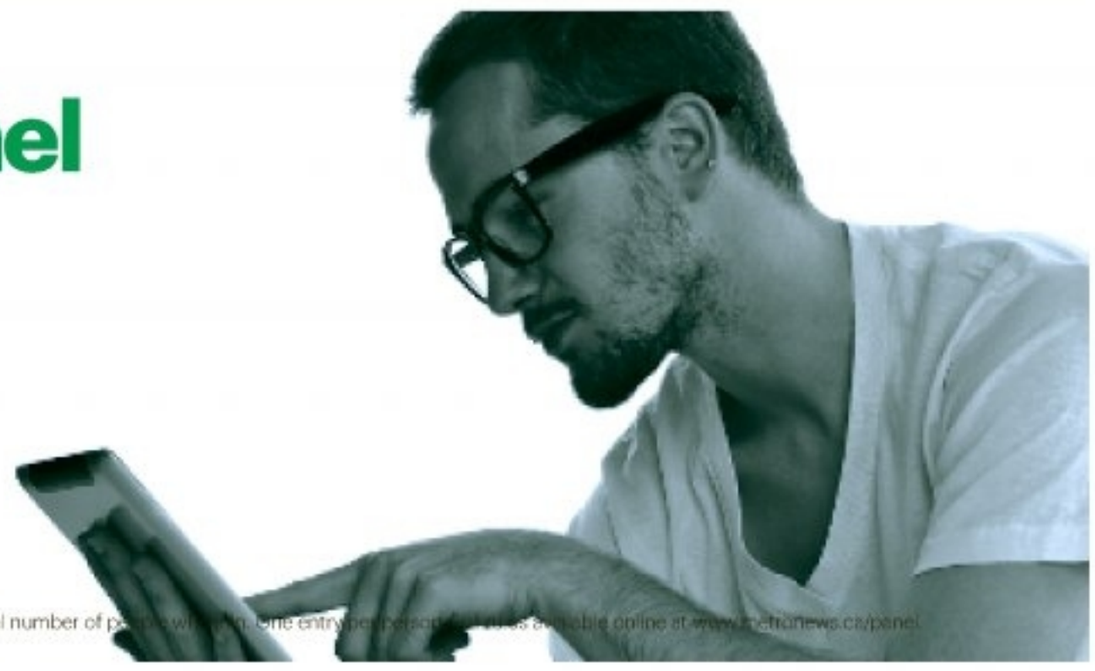

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URBAN ETIQUETTE ELLEN VANSTONE

THE QUESTION

How do I support a person I care about, but am not close to, who was recently diagnosed with cancer?

Dear Ellen,

An acquaintance of mine was recently diagnosed with breast cancer. She's not a close friend, but someone I care about. How do I keep in touch, without hovering and asking intrusive questions?

Signed, Concerned

Dear Concerned,

The rules of etiquette are clear and easy to follow when it comes to big events like births, weddings, and funerals. It gets trickier with all the messy stuff in-between — like the times our friends and acquaintances are dealing with problems like depression, divorce or disease. It's easy to back away and tell ourselves we "don't want to intrude" and then wait for an invitation to act. But based on my own experiences, and mistakes, I've come around to the belief that it's better to err on the side of effort, rather than refrain from action.

I still regret my behaviour years ago, when a sort-of friend lost her fiancé in a traffic accident days before their wedding. I talked with some of her closer friends about it, and they said they'd decided to "just let her be" and not "bother" her. They'd see her around and be extra nice when she finished grieving and resumed socializing. Except she never did. She moved to another province and we never saw her again.

It felt wrong at the time, but I followed their lead and did nothing. Now I realize how cowardly that was. What I should have done was urged her closer friends to pick up the phone and call her immediately, and then sent a card myself instead of sitting here decades later, still filled with regret.

It's better to err on the side of effort.

It's important to respect people's privacy. But if the knowledge of your acquaintance's cancer is out in the world, it's a mistake to use that privacy as an excuse not to act. So I'm glad to see that you, unlike my younger self, have the proper and compassionate — i.e. exquisitely well-mannered — impulse to "keep in touch" and are simply wondering how best to do that.

I suggest reaching out with an email or card, mentioning that you've heard what she's going through, you're thinking of her, and you'd love to hear from her, or see her, anytime she feels like getting in touch.

Worst-case scenario for you is that she's furious you dared to contact her — but that's okay. She's allowed to react anyway she likes at this point. And though it won't be pleasant for you, the fact is you acted in good faith, and deep down your sincere concern will register with her.

What you don't want is to leave her alone during what is probably the worst time of her life. It's always better to follow a generous instinct than ignore it — even if it feels clumsy and messy, like life.

Need advice?
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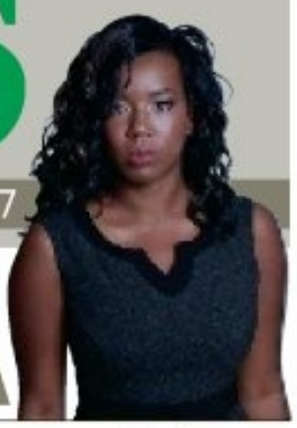

VICKY MOCHAMA

Oscar-nominated doc highlights ongoing white apathy

This Black History Month, I have been thinking a lot about white people.

Because it feels increasingly condescending to congratulate black people for their bravery and rebellion without admonishing the society that made it necessary.

In I Am Not Your Negro, an Oscar-nominated documentary film based on an unfinished manuscript by late American writer James Baldwin, the author explains with commanding calm that the construct of race is ultimately something white people need. Until they question why they need race, there will always be racism.

So when we are supposed to celebrate the achievements of black people, I find myself looking past it to the history of white people who, through indifference, apathy and violence, stood in the way of those achievements. They still do.

I think of Viola Desmond, celebrated for her brave stance. Her bold action: daring to want to watch a movie like a person. For the quotidian act of insisting on her humanity, she was dragged out of a Nova Scotia theatre, imprisoned and fined. Shamed by the publicity of this story decades later, successive governments have apologized, issued stamps, and now a $10 bill.

Yet, part of that history is being conspicuously hidden: Desmond was not dragged out of an empty theatre. White moviegoers stood idly by. If the photos of black children integrating schools in the U.S. are any indication, white moviegoers jeered and cheered this violence. Perhaps, in a more Canadian way, they shook the hands of the theatre manager and the police officers to thank them. I can only guess; theirs aren't the stories we share.

Until white people develop intellectual curiosity about themselves, how can black people believe that "official" acts of contrition have fixed this pathology in the people who believe themselves to be white?

Where white supremacy is the de facto law of the land, race relations describes a two-way mirror. In it, only one side sees the other while one sees only their reflection. Black people, yes, black people in Canada too, not only know our culture and history, but we know white culture and history — and the pathology that protects and defends white supremacy — with a terrible closeness.

I find it hard to pretend the "successes" of black people are not just also reflections of white people and their institutions that, in cutting and critical ways, prevented black people from being more successful.

As Baldwin says in the documentary, "Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced." The jeering white mobs and silent white moviegoers are the faces of white people you know.

This Black History Month, I have been thinking: When is White Complicity Month?

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A night for inclusion and empathy

Clockwise from main: Viola Davis won best supporting actress for her role in Fences; Montreal's Sylvain Bellemare for his sound editing in Arrival; Anousheh Ansari read out a powerful statement on behalf of Asghar Farhadi, Iranian director of best documentary The Salesman; Mahershala Ali won best supporting actor for his role in Moonlight. GETTY IMAGES

ACADEMY AWARDS

One year after backlash, the Oscars offer a Trump rebuttal

Joe Callaghan
Metro Canada

A year after the narrow focus of nominations sparked the social media backlash #OscarsSoWhite, the 89th Academy Awards sent out a booming message of inclusion and empathy Sunday.

Cast in the shadow of Donald Trump's controversial moves in his first month as U.S. president, the Oscars were always likely to see a rebuttal to the divisive messages that dogged last year's election.

A first Muslim actor winning an award was quickly followed up by two more African-American triumphs before an Iranian director, who had boycotted the awards in the wake of Trump's Muslim travel ban, claimed best documentary honours.

The awards had kicked off as expected — with one man front and centre. But once the Trump jokes that host Jimmy Kimmel peppered his opening riff with died down, there was a moment — and a victory — of true significance. And it proved to be a sign of things to come.

In the night's first award category, Mahershala Ali became the first Muslim actor to win an Oscar, his role in coming-of-age drama Moonlight securing him the best supporting actor honours.

Ali had made an impassioned acceptance speech last month at the SAG Awards, referencing persecution of minorities days after Trump's Muslim travel ban had been introduced. But on Sunday he concentrated on paying tribute to his loved ones.

Ali referenced his teachers and Moonlight director Barry Jenkins and thanked his wife, who gave birth to their daughter four days ago.

Nonetheless, the recently elected president was prominent throughout the early evening at Los Angeles's Dolby Theatre with several top nominees sporting blue ribbons supporting the American Civil Liberties Union — who have fought the ban in court — along the red carpet.

Once Justin Timberlake had opened the show with his nominated song Can't Stop the Feeling, Kimmel got down to what most had expected of him — roasting the U.S. president.

"I want to say thank you president Trump. I mean, remember last year when the Oscars seemed racist?," said the late night TV host before riffing on two of the nights most favoured films — La La Land and Hidden Figures.

"It's been an amazing year for movies. Black people saved Nasa and white people saved jazz. That's what you call progress."

Kimmel then singled out Meryl Streep, whom Trump derided as "overrated" after her fiery Golden Globes speech last month. Listing some of her credits, Kimmel said Streep has "phoned it in for over 50 films." He led a standing ovation for the "overrated" actress before adding a pointed punchline: "Nice dress, by the way," he said. "Is that an Ivanka?"

It was Viola Davis who had introduced Streep at the Golden Globes last month. On Sunday it was Davis who was accepting the adulation as she scooped best supporting actress honours for her powering display in Fences.

She singled out her director Denzel Washington, glancing down at him sitting in the front row at the Dolby Theatre.

"Thank you for putting two entities in the driving seat: August and god," Davis said of Fences author August Wilson. "They served you well."

Iranian filmmaker Asghar Farhadi, winner of the Oscar for best foreign film, sent Iranian astronaut Anousheh Ansari to read a statement for him.

"Dividing the world into the 'us and our enemies' categories creates fear," Ansari said.

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"I want to say thank you to president Trump. I mean remember last year when the Oscars seemed racist?

Jimmy Kimmel, Oscars host

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This year the best looks not only made a statement but took a stand. NICHOLE JANKOWSKI/METRO

Make a statement

Ruth Negga, nominated for best actress for Loving, accessorized her Valentino gown with responsibly sourced rubies as well as a blue ribbon supporting the American Civil Liberties Unio — as did best original song nominee Lin-Manuel Miranda. And they weren't the only ones to take a stand: Mica Levi, nominated in the category for best original score, wore a safety pin above her breast pocket in solidarity with minorities and victims of hate.

Shoulder pads

The eighties are back in a big way so it's no surprise that shoulder pads made an appearance at the awards. Dakota Johnson rocked a Gucci frock with strong shoulders as did best-actress nominee Isabelle Huppert (in Armani Privé).

Old Hollywood glamour

Hollywood loves to be self-referential — see: La La Land's 14 noms. So while it's a safe bet to wear fashion the industry made famous, it's one that's guaranteed to land Kirsten Dunst (in Dior Haute Couture) and Emma Stone (in Givenchy Couture) on best-dressed lists.

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Film world mourns Bill Paxton's death

OBITUARY

Movie credits include Apollo 13, Titanic, The Terminator

Bill Paxton was currently starring in the CBS drama Training Day. The actor has died from complications due to surgery, his family said in a statement Sunday. GETTY IMAGES

Bill Paxton, a prolific and charismatic actor who had memorable roles in such blockbusters as Apollo 13 and Titanic while also cherishing his work in One False Move and other low-budget movies and in the HBO series Big Love, has died from complications due to surgery. He was 61.

A family representative issued a statement Sunday on the death but provided no further details.

Paxton, a Fort Worth, Texas, native, appeared in dozens of movies and television shows and seemed to be around when history was made both on and off screen. As a boy, he was in the crowd that welcomed President John F. Kennedy in Texas on the morning of Nov. 22, 1963, hours before Kennedy was killed in Dallas. As a young man, he worked in the art department for "B" movie king Roger Corman, who helped launch the careers of numerous actors and filmmakers.

Paxton's movie credits included some of the signature works of the past 40 years, from Titanic and Apollo 13 to The Terminator and Aliens. Television fans knew him for his role as a polygamist, with three wives who expected the best from him, in the HBO series Big Love, for which he received three Golden Globe nominations.

Paxton was currently starring in the CBS drama Training Day, which premiered Feb. 2. The network has not yet announced whether it will continue to air the completed episodes.

Paxton is survived by his wife of 30 years, Louise Newbury, and their two children. His first marriage, to Kelly Rowan, ended in divorce.

His death adds a sad note to Sunday night's Academy Awards ceremonies. Paxton was never nominated but appeared in several Oscar-winning movies and was beloved and respected throughout Hollywood and beyond.

"I'm a frustrated romantic actor," he told The Associated Press in 2006. "I wanted to play the Bud part in 'Splendor in the Grass,' I wanted to play Romeo — the great, unrequited, tragic love stories. I've gotten to mix it up a bit with the ladies but the romance has been a subplot, running from the tornado or whatever."

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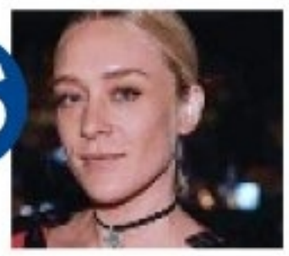
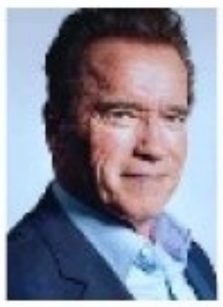
REACTION

Hollywood stars paying tributes to actor



Bill Paxton was a big-hearted, thoughtful and honourable person. He always had a smile and could entertain any room with his wonderful stories of his many amazing years in Hollywood.
Chloe Sevigny, Paxton's Big Love co-star

Devastated by the sudden loss of my close friend and one of the finest actors in the business. Renaissance man, raconteur and uniquely American national treasure. My love to Bunny, James and Lydia. In his memory, watch One False Move or A Simple Plan to see this lovely leading man, at his finest. Rob Lowe, on Twitter



Bill Paxton could play any role, but he was best at being Bill – a great human being with a huge heart. My thoughts are with his family.
Arnold Schwarzenegger

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Lava Java

Discovering a Guatemalan coffee that's (almost literally) erupting with flavour

By: Sean Deasy

The Guatemalan mountains

A lot goes into making a great cup of coffee, and perhaps nothing more important than the origins of the bean itself. From idyllic climate conditions to the high-nutrient content of the soil, the coffee we enjoy is very much the sum of its parts. And, on rare occasions, we get a bonus.

In this case: Fedecocagua coffee. Already benefiting from the fertile soil of Guatemala's San Marcos region – the country's coffee-belt – its rich bean has traces of volcanic ash to inform a singularly unique flavour – one that summons chocolate, vanilla and one rather surprising nuance: smokiness.

"What I find exciting about this Guatemalan coffee is that the beans are grown on the slopes of volcanic soil," says roaster Eric Shabsove from Mountain View Coffee in Toronto. "It's one of the things I love about San Marcos. When you drink it you can just picture the volcano with centuries of accumulated volcanic soil, and you can actually taste the hint of smokiness that comes from years and years of eruptions. It's truly fantastic."

Shabsove insists the hint is so slight that it shouldn't deter smoke-shy java drinkers.

The region also boasts another distinctive characteristic: a considerably long harvesting period – from November through March.

"What you get in Guatemala is a harvest season that extends into early spring. It's typical amongst all Central American coffee countries, notably in Costa Rica, where you can start harvesting let's say in November, December and into January."

Shabsove says something exceptional happens after the two-month processing period (in which time the beans are harvested, washed and dried). "When you see the beans ready to be shipped, you're also already seeing the flowers blooming for next season. That's what so great about it: ultimately the beans are really bigger and better and you get that really fantastic taste."

Another natural asset for the San Marcos region is an abundance of rainfall, more so than other regions of the country, says Shabsove. "[The additional rainfall] does give that extra boost to the production and early flowering, so the beans are that much tastier, they've had a little bit longer to mature."

Speaking of quality control, this is a handpicking operation, primarily because of where and how the beans are grown: on steep volcanic slopes.

The growers

So who's doing the growing, picking and producing of this delightful coffee?

Fedecocagua – already a mouthful for some to pronounce – is the abbreviation for the Federación de Cooperativas Agrícolas de Productores de Café de Guatemala. It's a federation of roughly 148 co-operatives and 20,000 members from across Guatemala's coffee belt, many of which are of Mayan origin.

"I believe about 70 percent of its members are comprised of indigenous peoples of Guatemala," says Eric Shabsove. The members are growers who typically own small plots or family farms, typically averaging 1.3 hectares. While the cultivation of coffee is their primary function – according to Shabsove, coffee represents 80 to 90 percent of a farm's income – they also produce basic grains and other agricultural products for their own consumption.

For these growers joining a co-op minimizes obstacles such as high processing costs and problems in product quality, and helps with technical advice and accessing financing.

"The co-ops help with getting these farmers a line of credit. They're able to borrow money to help with expenses when they bring their beans in to process," says Shabsove. "Membership also helps with warehousing, transportation of the product and allows them to access the fair trade premiums, which is also a boon because it provides additional income."

The order of coffee

Shabsove is particularly excited about introducing Guatemalan Fedecocagua coffee as this month's Headline Coffee. As the chief roaster and curator of the series, he is taking us on a guided tour of the world's best coffees – but he's doing so on a very deliberate path.

"It's always really great coffee, but to embark on a true journey of taste, we need to accentuate every region, because they all have their own distinct characteristics. And I'm trying to make it a unique experience every time. We're back in Central America now, for instance, but we've definitely not tasted anything like this before."

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Whistler's Marielle Thompson clinched the World Cup ski cross crown Saturday at Russia's Sunny Valley resort with her sixth win of the season

Homan completes Scotties hat trick

TOURNAMENT OF HEARTS

Ontario takes down Manitoba in an extra end

Ontario's Rachel Homan has won the Canadian women's curling championship for a third time.

Homan defeated Manitoba's Michelle Englot 8-6 on Sunday in an extra end to capture the Scotties Tournament of Hearts.

The Ottawa skip is joined by third Emma Miskew, second Joanne Courtney and lead Lisa Weagle.

Homan also won in 2013 and 2014.

"That's an unbelievable win by my team," Homan said. "That's the hardest win we've ever fought for I think."

Englot had beaten Homan twice at this year's tournament en route to the final, including Friday's playoff between the top two seeds and their last preliminary round game on Thursday.

She acknowledged, however, that beating Homan for a third time in four days would have been quite the feat.

"You know what? We need to focus on our game, play the same way, play aggressively and go from there and leave it all on the table," Englot said after Manitoba defeated Ontario 9-8 on Friday.

Ontario's Emma Miskew, left, Rachel Homan, Joanne Courtney and Lisa Weagle celebrate after defeating Manitoba in the final of the Scotties Tournament of Hearts in St. Catharines, Ont., on Sunday. SEAN KILPATRICK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Homan's Ottawa rink will represent Canada at next month's world championship in Beijing.

Earlier Sunday, Chelsea Carey walked off with a bronze medal and a vacancy on her team.

Third Amy Nixon said Team Canada's 7-4 win over Northern Ontario's Krista McCarville was the last game of her career.

Nixon, 39, won the 2016 Canadian title with Carey and an Olympic bronze medal in 2006 with Shannon Kleibrink. She's competed in six Canadian championships as vice for both Kleibrink and Carey.

"I've known for awhile this year that it's just not a possibility for me to maintain what I've tried to do in the game," Nixon said.

"I still love to compete and I love those girls, but I don't like the grind anymore. I don't have the fire for it. There's other things that call on my time.

"I'd rather go skiing with my family and I'd rather bake cookies. I have a great job that I really enjoy and my career is taking off in a really productive way." THE CANADIAN PRESS

NHL

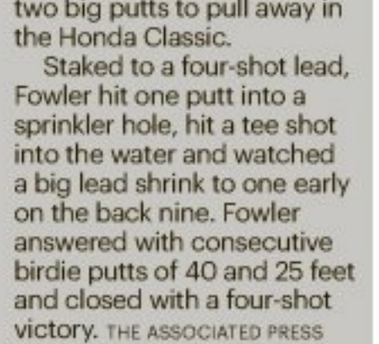
Kings add Bishop to complement Quick

The Los Angeles Kings have decided to make their post-season push with two dependable veteran goalies sharing the crease.

Los Angeles acquired Ben Bishop from the Tampa Bay Lightning on Sunday in a trade including goalie Peter Budaj and an exchange of draft picks.

The Kings will pair Bishop with Jonathan Quick in a formidable tandem down the stretch as they attempt to make the playoffs for the seventh time in eight years. Los Angeles (30-27-4) began the day three points behind St. Louis for the second wild-card berth in the Western Conference.

Quick returned only Saturday from a 59-game absence with a serious groin injury, and general manager Dean Lombardi didn't want to overwork his two-time Stanley Cup champion goalie during a difficult March schedule.



Ben Bishop GETTY IMAGES

"This is not an insurance policy," Lombardi said. "It is a way that we think to make sure that Jon is broken in properly, and make sure we're in position to win every game down the stretch. Let's face it, there's not a lot of room for error ... and we want to make sure we have a No. 1 goalie in there every night." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

IN BRIEF

Busch outlasts field in crash-filled Daytona 500

Kurt Busch had a monster start to the season with a last-lap pass to win the crash-filled Daytona 500.

Busch is sponsored by Monster Energy, which kicked off its first season as the title sponsor for NASCAR's top series Sunday with the season-opener. It wasn't NASCAR's finest moment, though, as multiple accidents pared down the field at the end.

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Fowler rides putter to Honda Classic victory

Rickie Fowler made it interesting Sunday for as long as it took him to make two big putts to pull away in the Honda Classic.

Staked to a four-shot lead, Fowler hit one putt into a sprinkler hole, hit a tee shot into the water and watched a big lead shrink to one early on the back nine. Fowler answered with consecutive birdie putts of 40 and 25 feet and closed with a four-shot victory. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Healthy Cauliflower Cous Cous with Roasted Brussels Sprouts

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Ready in 40 minutes
Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 30 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients
- 1 sweet potato, cut into 1/2-inch pieces
- 2 cups Brussels sprouts, quartered
- 1 Tbsp olive oil plus two tsp
- 1 head cauliflower
- 1 Tbsp salt, plus 2 tsp
- 1/2 tsp cumin
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta
- 1 pat of butter
- 4 eggs

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 400. In a bowl, toss sweet potato and Brussels sprout pieces with 2 tsp olive oil and 1/2 tsp salt. Spread vegetables out on rimmed baking sheet and roast, stirring once or twice, until deep golden brown, crisp outside and tender inside, 20 to 25 minutes.

2. Cut cauliflower in quarters and carve out inner core. Cut quarters into florets and transfer the food processor, pulsing into cous cous-sized granules. Put in a bowl.

3. Heat a large skillet over medium heat then add 1 tbsp oil. Add cauliflower cous cous and sprinkle with remaining salt. Add cumin and stir. Cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Take off heat and set aside. Gather 2 cups of cous cous.

4. In another large frying pan over medium heat, add a pat of butter and four eggs. Cook a few minutes and cover 1 to 2 minutes. Remove eggs once the whites are set and the yolks are cooked to your preference.

5. Stir together the cous cous, sweet potato mix and feta or divide veggies amongst four bowls and sprinkle with feta. Top each bowl with a fried egg and serve.

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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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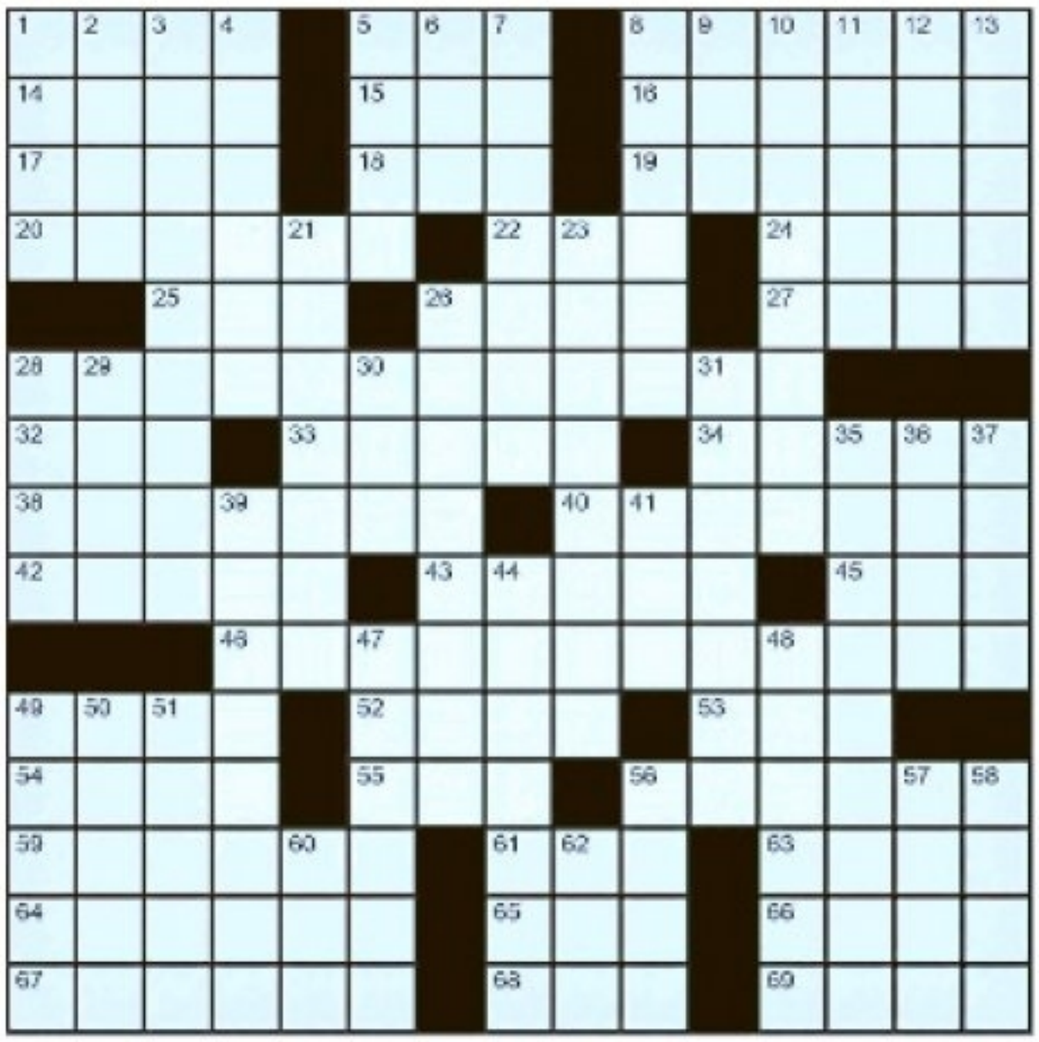

ACROSS
1. 17th-century Dutch painter, Nicolaes _
5. Ordinal suffixes
8. Actress Alyssa
14. "In the Valley of _" (2007)
15. At the age of, in Latin [abbr.]
16. "The Jeffersons" star Ms. Sanford
17. Spanish double affirmative
18. _-Jongg
19. Sings in The Alps
20. "I _ _ tell you this, but..."
22. Greek alphabet letter
24. Ivy League school
25. Mr. Gulager of "The Virginian"
26. Blood type: letter + abbr.
27. Welsh opera singer Mr. Terfel
28. Beaty _ Museum (University of British Columbia's natural history attraction)
32. Anecdotal collection
33. "There's no room _ _." (I guess we'll be standing)
34. Ink: French
38. Like still-in-the-glass milk
40. Golden-crowned _ (Tiny songbird)
42. "I share that sentiment.": 2 wds.
43. Construct
45. Pickering's prov.
46. As per #28-Across... Marine _ Collection (No backbone is required to view these specimens!)
49. Place the painting
52. "Count _ _ a blessing."
53. Informally fine
54. _ _ the air
55. Amer. ID
56. 2002 Atom Egoyan film
59. "My friend.", in Montreal: 2 mots
61. Carole King's "_ Too Late"
63. Pharmacy quantity
64. Daily _ (Clark Kent's newspaper)
65. 'Tail'-meaning prefix
66. Hawkeye State
67. Some garden plants
68. Madonna's "_ Girl"
69. 911-calling reason, briefly

DOWN
1. Interlock
2. Et _ (And others)
3. New Brunswick's location: 2 wds.
4. Canadian _ (Region of rocks)
5. _-_-'-shanter
6. "Isn't _ _ bit..." - The Beatles, "Nowhere Man"
7. Montreal-set Oscar Peterson tune: "Place _-_"
8. "The Karate Kid" (1984) character
9. Prefix to 'thermal'
10. NHL sportsmanship award, _ _ Memorial Trophy
11. "Fuzzy Wuzzy was _ _."
12. "Hot in Herre" rap star
13. Merlin _ (Football player turned actor)
21. University fee
23. At-home diagnostic purchases: 2 wds.
26. Wisest/safest choices: 2 wds.
28. Author, L. Frank _ (b.1856 - d.1919)
29. Ye olde rest stop
30. Book serial abbr.
31. Serve Cliff and Norm: 2 wds.
35. Jacket-checking spot
36. Monthly payment
37. 'Kitchen' add-on
39. Moving/heartfelt
41. 'Tact' suffix
44. Nuclear weapon element
47. Sojourns
48. Band's helper
49. Skeptic's sound
50. Olympian, _ Anton Ohno
51. Songstress Ms. Simone's
56. Biblical stringed instrument
57. "..._ _ forgive those who trespass..."
58. Split
60. "Oh, give _ _ home..."
62. Drummer Mr. Cool

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be careful not to overestimate your abilities to do something today, because it's easy to do. Your ruler Mars is in your sign, getting zapped by Jupiter. "I am King!"

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You might try to take on more than you can handle by pulling strings behind the scenes today. Be careful. No one is bulletproof.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You will be aggressive when dealing with friends and groups today. This is why you are inclined to take over and run the show. This might be a good thing, but it might not be.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You're going to give it everything you've got today, because your ambition is aroused. You believe in yourself, and you want others to believe in you as well. (They probably will.)

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Avoid coming on too strong with political arguments or discussions about religion and race. Lighten up — you don't need to go on a rant.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
If you have to divide an inheritance or shared property or something like this, be prudent today. Your impulse is to go overboard. Don't bet the farm. Protect everyone's best interests.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You might attract someone today who is overbearing and bossy. You might want to avoid this person, if possible. (Forewarned is forearmed.)

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
You're willing to work hard today because you are enthusiastic about something. This is why you have the energy to go all the way and encourage others to follow you.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Those of you involved in sports will be energetic and over-the-top today because you won't stop until you win. You like to work hard/party hard; nevertheless, be cool today.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't tackle more than you can handle by taking on renovations and big projects at home. Learn to crawl before you walk. Learn to walk before you run.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
You are so enthusiastic today, your sales abilities are amazing. However, if you come on too strong, then people will not trust you. Caution.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
You have big moneymaking ideas today, and they just might fly. However, be smart and keep your feet on the ground even though your head is in the clouds.

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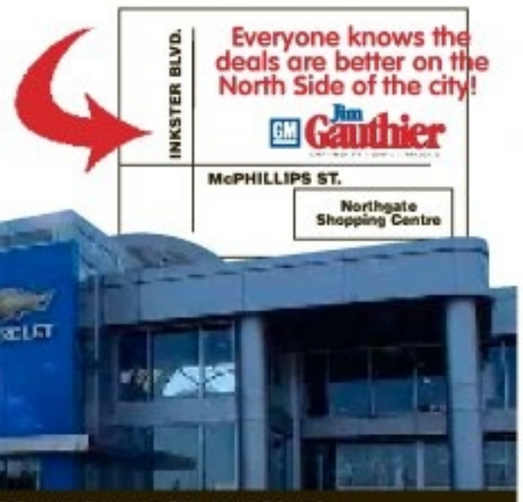
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